(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and its nuclear policy in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to safeguard the security of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Government have seen Press reports regarding the then Pakistan Caretaker Prime Minister Mr. Moeen Qureshi's Press Conference in Islamabad on October 18, 1993 in which he had, *inter alia*, repodtedly made a statement linking Pakistan's nuclear capability to the Kashmir issue. There was, however, no mention of use of Pakistan's nuclear option to take Kashmir away from India.

(b) and (c) Government are aware of Pakistan's pursuit of clandestine and weapons oriented nuclear programme and its implications for India's and regional security and stability have been conveyed to all concerned.

Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take all necessary measures to safeguard it.

Financial assistance to Food Processing Industries in Andhra Pradesh

674. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the details of financial assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh for the setting up of food processing industries during each of the last three financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): Details of Plan assistance provided for the proposals received through the Government of Andhra Pradesh are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Plan assistance provided for the proposals received through the Government of Andhra Pradesh

Year	Proposal and the Organisation	Assistance provided
1991-92	Andhra Pradesh Meat and Poultry Development Corporation Limited, Hyderabad, for establishing a Poultry Processing Plant in the State.	Rs. 76.5 lakhs as equity share capital and a loan of Rs. 41.5 lakhs.
1991-92	Department of Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh for development of infrastructures for mushroom cultivation and processing.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 2.047 lakhs
1991-92	Department of Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh for mushroom laboratory and processing units.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 32.25 lakhs
1992-93	M/s. Girijan Cooperative Society Limited, for installation of modern honey processing plant with other infrastructure facilities.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 17.10 lakhs
1992-93	M/s. Girijan Cooperative Society Limited, Vizag for promotion of commercial mushroom production in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 25.76 lakhs
1992-93	Andhra Pradesh Fisheries Corpn. for setting up cold chain in fisheries.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 39.5 lakhs
1992-93	Proposal was received from the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation for setting up of two F&VP units.	An amount of Rs. 104 lakhs towards Govt. of India's equity assistance has been provided to the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corpn. for setting up two fruit & Vegetable processing units.